## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

- 1. The method of creating a malleable, biocompatible polymer material for the repair or replacement of tissue, comprising the steps of:
  - a. providing a vessel containing a slurry, said slurry comprising a plurality of polymer fibers and at least one suspension fluid, wherein the polymer fibers are substantially evenly dispersed and randomly oriented throughout the volume of the suspension fluid;
  - b. applying a centrifugal force to said vessel containing said slurry, whereupon said centrifugal force serves to cause said polymer fibers to migrate through the suspension fluid and amass at a furthest extent of the vessel, forming a polymer material, with said polymer material comprising polymer fibers of sufficient length and sufficiently interlaced or interlocked to retard dissociation of said polymer fibers;
  - c. removing said polymer material from said vessel.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said slurry has a percentage mass of polymer fibers dispersed in the suspension fluid of less than 10% by weight.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said slurry has a percentage mass of polymer fibers dispersed in the suspension fluid in the range of 3 to 5% by weight.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said polymer is selected from the group consisting of collagen, chitosan, alginate, hyaluronic acid, poly-lactic acid, poly-caprolactone, and polyurethane.

- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said slurry further comprises a biologically active agent.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said slurry further comprises a biocompatible particulate.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said particulate comprises tricalcium phosphate, hyaluronic acid, hydroxyapatite.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said centrifugal force causes interlacing of at least some of said polymer fibers.
- 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - d. drying said polymer putty, by extracting the suspension fluid that had been retained within the polymer putty;
  - e. packaging said dried polymer putty to preserve sterility; and
  - f. sterilizing said dried polymer putty; packaging said dried polymer putty to preserve sterility.
- 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
  - d. drying said polymer putty, by extracting the suspension fluid that had been retained within the polymer putty;
  - e. packaging said dried polymer putty to preserve sterility;
  - f. sterilizing said dried polymer material; and
  - g. adding a rehydrating fluid to the dried polymer to restore malleability.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said rehydrating fluid comprises a biologically active agent.

- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein said vessel comprises a mold, for producing a polymer material of a desired shape.
- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein said vessel further contains a reinforcing material.
- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said reinforcing material is a mesh.
- 15. The method of claim 13, wherein said reinforcing material is fibrous threads.
- 16. A biocompatible composition suitable for implantation into a living being, said biocompatible composition comprising a plurality of polymer fibers, wherein said polymer fibers are of sufficient quantity and sufficiently processed to retard dissociation of individual polymer fibers upon implantation.
- 17. The composition of claim 16, wherein at least a portion of said polymer is selected from the group consisting of collagen, chitosan, alginate, hyaluronic acid, poly-lactic acid, poly-caprolactone, and polyurethane.
- 18. The composition of claim 16, further comprising a biologically active agent.
- 19. The composition of claim 16, further comprising a biocompatible particulate.
- 20. The composition of claim 19, wherein said particulate comprises tricalcium phosphate, hyaluronic acid, hydroxyapatite.
- 21. The composition of claim 16, further comprising a reinforcing material.
- 22. The method of creating a malleable, biocompatible polymer material for the repair or replacement of tissue, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a vessel containing a slurry, said slurry comprising a plurality of
  polymer fibers and at least one suspension fluid, wherein the polymer fibers are
  substantially randomly oriented throughout the volume of the suspension fluid;
- applying a centrifugal force to said vessel containing said slurry, whereupon said centrifugal force serves to cause said polymer fibers to migrate through the suspension fluid and amass at a furthest extent of the vessel, forming a viscous polymer material;
- c. removing said polymer material from said vessel.
- 23 The method of claim 22, wherein said tissue comprises bone.
- 24. A centrifuged biocompatible composition suitable for implantation into a living being, said biocompatible composition comprising a plurality of polymer fibers, wherein said polymer fibers are of sufficient quantity and sufficiently centrifuged to cause said composition to be viscous and self-supporting.
- 25. The composition of claim 24, wherein at least a portion of said polymer is selected from the group consisting of collagen, chitosan, alginate, hyaluronic acid, poly-lactic acid, poly-caprolactone, and polyurethane.
- 26. The composition of claim 24, further comprising a biologically active agent.
- 27. The composition of claim 24, further comprising a biocompatible particulate.
- 28. The composition of claim 24, wherein the composition has physical properties such that it may be injected.